Misappropriation by Braacn Post Master of Jarajapn Pete

424. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMU NICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Branch Poet Master of Jarajapu Peta Nellimaria Mandal in Andhra Pradesh has misap propriated Rs. 10,000,00 from the postal savings of depositors; and

!b) if so, what action has been taken by Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Investigations so far conducted have revealed misappropriatioa of deposits in SB, RD and TD accounts standing at Branch Post Office, Jarajapur Peta, Nellimaria Mandal in Andhra Pradesh to the tune of Rs. 8,26,855-05 by Shri B. P. S. Prakash Rao, Extra Departmental Branch Postmaster.

(b) The case has been reported to C.B.I. The Extra Departmental Branch Postmas ter responsible has been put off duty. Post master General Visakhapatnam is super vising departmental investigation. Action is also in progress *to* obtain claim papers from the defrauded depositors and to take action against the departmental officials found responsible for various lapses.

Wages to prisoners

425. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what axe the wages that are being paid to the prisoners for their work in the various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AF-FAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): "Prisonera", being a State subject, are administered by the State Government according to their own rules, regulations and Prison manuals. The Government of India do not compile information and statistics on the details of Prison administration, in-cluding wages paid to the prisoners for their work.

Attack on Indians in U.K.

426. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-FAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment are aware that Indians settled in the vic'ruty of Leeds, U.K. have been attacked and their proper-. ties were looted and destroyed recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that such inci-j dents have been frequent in the past and if so, the details of such incidents;

(c) whether it is also a fact that local police failed to take timely action in pro tecting Indians from such attacks;

(d) whether Indian Government propose to take up or have already taken up this issue with the U.K. Government; and

(e) whether Govt, have asked tor com pensation from the British Govt, for the affected Indians in Great Britain ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALE1RO): (a) and (b) On August 11, 1991, a video shop in Leeds belonging to a British national of Indian origin was attacked. No other recent incident has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) In the above-mentioned incident the police reportedly arrived late.

(d) Whenever incidents of attacks on Indian nationals come to notice, the matter is taken up with the U.K. Government.

(e) Such a need has not arisen so far,